

### REMARKS

Claims 23-29 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-22 have been cancelled. Claims 23-29 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

### CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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